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EDITORIAL

OFFERS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Premier Brownlee's announcement that the Northern railways will not be sold on the basis of the offers hitherto received has been greeted with almost universal approval in the press of Alberta. We think it is beyond question that the Government's decision meets with the approval of the people of all sections of the Province.

As recently announced by Hon. V. W. Smith, the earnings of the E.D. and B.C. line for the first three months of this year were more than double the earnings for a similar period of 1927, and there is some possibility, if improvement is maintained, as there seems to be every reason to expect it will be, that fixed charges as well as operating expenses may be met out of the year's revenue. The rapid development of the Peace River country will increase the attractiveness of the railway to future bidders; in the meantime, the line has ceased to be a white elephant.

The case for the rejection of the companies' offers was cogently expressed by the Calgary *Herald*, in an editorial immediately following the announcement. Referring to the Government's stipulation that if the E.D. and B.C. is disposed of, the A. and G.W. will have to go too, since the Province is not disposed to be left with "the worse half of its railway problem on its hands", the *Herald* says:

> That is not an unreasonable stipulation. Together these lines may work out profitably on the whole; separated and the Province left with the Waterways line on its hands, it would certainly be up against trouble for an undetermined period.
>
> No better time could have been selected for continuation of Government operation of these two lines. Already this year business of the E.D. and B.C. is reported to be one hundred per cent. better than a year ago for the same period.

Referring to the prospect of continued improvement in the financial position of the line, the *Herald* concludes:

> That will mean a considerable easing of the annual railway burden of the Province. Also it will mean something important in the way of value demonstration for the northern lines. It is always difficult to get a fair price for a thing under forced sale; it is specially difficult to obtain a real value price for something that at the moment is going behind financially. One of these fine days Alberta's northern railway lines are going to become real money-makers for whoever owns them. The more quickly this fact can be demonstrated the better the price bidders will be ready to offer for them.

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E.D. & B.C. BILL MUST BE PASSED

Thanks to the paltry tactics of certain Liberal members of Parliament, the legislation which is required at Ottawa to enable the Alberta Government to proceed with necessary extensions of the E.D. and B.C. railway was temporarily blocked on May 4th. It is the plain duty of the Government, which gave assurance of their approval of the bill, to provide the necessary facilities. To fail in this duty would be to do grave injustice to the people of the Peace River country.

When a matter of principle is at stake, or when legislation before the House is regarded as defective in detail, to fight for an amendment to the point even of talking out a bill, may at times be justified. But in this instance there was no such ground for opposition. It was evident that the opposing members were actuated, not by any thought of principle, but by exceedingly shabby motives. This even Alberta Liberal newspapers which have attempted to condone the blocking tactics have tacitly admitted.

The original delay was due to a clerical error made quite unintentionally by the Liberal chairman of the railway committee. But for this error, whose unintent-

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Call to Annual Conference Issued

Federal Gathering will Discuss Important Problems in Calgary, July 6th

In accordance with the announcement made in *The U.F.A.* some time ago, notice has been mailed to U.F.A. Federal Constituency Associations calling the Annual Conference of the U.F.A. Central Board, U.F.A. Federal Members, and two representatives from each of the Federal Constituency Associations, which will be held at Calgary, Friday, July 6th, commencing at 10 a.m.

Delegates to the Conference will be able to avail themselves of the reduced railway fares which will be in effect for the Calgary Fair, on July 4th, 5th and 6th.

A very interesting Conference is anticipated. Every Constituency is urged to send a full quota of delegates.

PLAN TO HOLD PICNIC

Collingwood U.F.A. Local and the Women's Institute of the district are arranging a picnic to be held near the Collingwood School on July 4th.

PLAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

"A very well attended meeting of Brooks Local U.F.A. was held in Hotel Newell on April 25th. The horse committee reported some progress and after considerable discussion a committee was appointed to interview local horse owners. The Secretary reported the appointment of Mr. John Cuthbert as Magistrate for Brooks. Co-operative shipping of live stock was discussed at some length and the secretary was instructed to get some further information on the subject. Members are to be fined for non-attendance in the future, so we expect to see one hundred per cent out at our next meeting. Some very encouraging reports have come to hand from other Locals regarding the forming of a District Association. This matter will be up for discussion at our next meeting. Other topics for discussion will be co-operative marketing of live-stock, Wheat Pool elevator for Brooks, Telephones."—*Brooks Bulletin.*

Community Picnic on June 24th

Will be Held 35 Miles Northwest of Hanna and 32 Miles Northeast of Craigmyle

To all U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals on the Goose Lake line of the C.N.R. and the Stettler-Coronation line of the C.P.R.:

A U.F.A. community picnic will be held at Clear Lake, 15 miles northwest of Hanna, and 12 miles northeast of Craigmyle, on Sunday, June 24th. Visitors will please bring their own lunch, and we will endeavor to have luncheon finished by 1:30, so as to be prepared for the speaking, which will commence at 2 p.m. Coffee will be provided free, and a refreshment booth will be in operation.

Will all the U.F.A. members and everyone interested in the aims and ideals of the farmers' movement make a effort to be present on this day. We are holding the gathering on June 24th, instead of June 17th, the real U.F.A. Sunday, as we could not get our speakers on that date. There will be a free-for-all discussion on U.F.A. ideals and principles for a short period after the speakers have concluded. The speakers will be William Irvine, M.P., and someone speaking in behalf of the U.F.W.A.

Everybody welcome.

Mrs. MARY BANNER, U.F.W.A. Director, Acadia.

J. K. SUTHERLAND, U.F.A. Director, Acadia.

PEMBINA CONVENTION JUNE 20th

To the Secretaries of All Locals in the Pembina Provincial Constituency:

The regular midsummer convention of the above Association will be held in the school house at Barrhead on Wednesday, June 26th, beginning at eleven o'clock.

Locals will be entitled to send delegates as in the past in the proportion of one delegate to ten or major portion of ten. Any Junior Locals are cordially invited to send delegates.

It is expected that the Hon. J. E. Brownlee will be present and address the Convention and we are endeavoring to have Mrs. Gunn present as well.

Visitors will be welcome.

Fraternally yours,

A. R. BROWN,
Secretary.

IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Belvedere U.F.A. Local now have a membership of 26, and have just organized a Junior branch, states J. E. Chambers, secretary, in a recent letter. "During the past year," he adds, "we have held debates and a spelling bee, whilst after our monthly meetings the ladies have given us tea and refreshments. The Pembina Valley line, coming into this district, has also helped us in the way of debatable matter, as the road problem has to be solved, to enable us to take advantage of the line. The Local is in a healthy condition, and we are ready to do our bit whenever the opportunity comes along."

ON MERITS OF CASE

At a meeting of the council of the municipality of Blackfoot on May 21st, "a resolution was passed extending to J. C. Buckley, M.L.A., the thanks of the council for his co-operation and time in bringing the matter of the Dominion highway to such a satisfactory conclusion," states the Calgary *Albertan*. When this matter was referred to on the occasion of a visit to *The U.F.A.* by Mr. Buckley, the member remarked: "I think I am getting far too much credit, for unless the conditions had warranted the highway being routed as it has been, Hon. G. L. McPherson, the Minister of Public Works, would never have permitted it, as he invariably makes his decisions on the merits of the case only."

Annual Convention Wetaskiwin, June 20

William Irvine, M.P., and Other Speakers Will Address Gathering

The Annual Convention of the Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency Association will be held in the U.F.A. Hall, Wetaskiwin, on Thursday, June 21st, commencing at 10 a.m. Wm. Irvine, M.P., and other speakers, will address the Convention. A banquet is being arranged for the evening, and representatives from the Pools will be present.

The basis of representation is one delegate for every ten members paid up in the Association. The dues are 50c per member and should be forwarded to Central Office, or may be handed in by delegate on the day of the Convention.

Send Full Quota

Your Board wishes to emphasize the importance of this Annual Convention and would urge every Local to send a full quota of delegates. All resolutions from Locals intended for the U.F.A. Annual Convention in January, 1929, must be brought before this meeting. Visitors will be welcome and all members are urged to attend and help to make this Annual Convention a real success.

Yours truly,

Mrs. E. E. SPARKS,
Secretary.

ANOTHER MONTHLY MEETING

"The Ringley U.F.A. held their usual monthly meeting recently. We had a very interesting time. The subjects discussed were Government road work and municipal doctoring. Most of the members took part in the discussion. There was a motion passed unanimously to the effect that the council have the option of deciding where and how much work be done on the Government road. There was also an unanimous vote pledging the Ringley U.F.A. to oppose the proposed move for a municipal doctor. The Rocky Mountain House board of trade was strongly represented at the meeting. Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Ross spoke on the subject of a municipal doctor. Each one dealt on the matter from a different standpoint, but each one seemed fair and to the point. After the meeting coffee and cake was served, and a short concert helped to pass an enjoyable evening. The next U.F.A. meeting will be held on the first Monday in June at the Ringley School House, at 8 p.m." —*The Mountaineer.*

Wheat Seeding Is About Completed

Fortnightly Crop Report of Publicity Commissioner, Alberta Department of Agriculture

EDMONTON, May 26th.—Seeding of wheat is practically completed throughout the Province and from forty to fifty percent of coarse grains have been sown, according to telegraphic reports received on May 25th, by the Department of Agriculture.

The reports to date indicate that there will be some increase in wheat acreage over that of 1927, largely owing to the amount of land summerfallowed and newly broken last year. Quite a number of farmers are still holding some of their stubble ground in the hope that rain may come within the next few days, in which case wheat will be sown up to the first of June.

Much of the success of the present season's crop depends on rainfall in the near future, as precipitation during the month of May has been considerably below the average, and the prevalence of high winds over a large part of the Province has greatly reduced the supply of moisture in the soil. A number of districts report that rain is necessary before satisfactory germination will take place, and in certain areas of lighter land losses from soil drifting are reported.

Early sown crop on summerfallowed land, however, is doing well and is from four to six inches in height in many localities. The percentage of crop stubbled in this season is somewhat higher than usual.

In some southern districts the alfalfa crop is in need of moisture where irrigation has been delayed. A fair stand of sugar beets is reported, cutworms having caused considerable damage in some fields.

In the Peace River section the season is ahead of last year and the crop on summerfallow is promising, but grain seeded on stubble land requires rain to ensure an even stand.

STAINSLEIGH U.F.W.A.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Stainsleigh U.F.W.A. Local was held at the home of Mrs. J. Blume on Saturday evening, May 19th. The following ladies were elected officers for the ensuing year; President, Mrs. Wm. Pickard; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. O. Biebe; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. George Murray; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. H. Wright; Directors, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. M. McDonald and Mrs. Blume.

After the regular business was disposed of there was a discussion on co-operative fruit buying. Mrs. Blume, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Jiggs, served a very refreshing tea. The next meeting will be held in the Stainsleigh School, on Saturday night, June 23rd. Every member is requested to be present also to bring one new member.

WAR AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

"Every sane person knows that mankind betrays its best interests when it hangs the glamor of romance over war. . . . . War is war, and romance redeems it when you look through the wrong end of Time's telescope, and by turning a page you can assure yourself of the ultimate glory of your heroes. . . . The perversion which organized war demands only displays its full horror when seen through the conflicting emotions of a highly sensitive free man who has set himself war as a task . . . . Somebody has got to do some hard thinking and true feeling about this plague of war. . . . . Are not the homes of wisdom and learning the places where this thinking should begin? Or are they still as hobbled by tradition as when Shelley was sent down?"—Max Plowman in *The New Adelphi*, London.

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BRAINS TO SPARE

"You ain't got no brains, man."

"Ain't got no brains? Why, Ah got some brains what ain't never been used."—*Chatham News*.

Correspondence

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS, 1928

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

The Annual Congress of the Canadian Co-operative Union is to be held at Lloydminster, Sask., on Tuesday and Wednesday, and, if necessary, Thursday, the 26th, 27th and 28th June. It is an event of particular importance this year.

At its recent meeting at Bremen, Germany, the executive of the International Co-operative Alliance authorized General Secretary Henry J. May, O.B.E., to come to Canada expressly for the purpose of attending it. This decision was a new departure for the Alliance, as it is the first time in its history it will be represented at a national co-operative congress outside Europe. The Alliance comprises co-operative societies with an aggregate membership of fifty millions who, with their families, form a co-operative population of two hundred million people. Mr. May is one of the most distinguished of international co-operators, and his position has given him a practical experience of the Co-operative Movement in every country which is probably unique.

Delegates from C.W.S.

I have also been advised by the secretary of The Co-operative Wholesale Society, England, that the Board of Directors has appointed two of its number, Messrs. A. W. Golightly and J. Oliver, and its chief wheat buyer, Mr. A. H. Hobbey, to be its fraternal delegation to the Lloydminster Congress. These representatives of the world's greatest productive, distributive and financial co-operative federation are men of large practical business, as well as co-operative, knowledge and experience. Mr. Cedric Long, Executive Secretary of the Co-operative League U.S.A. and Mr. A. V. Alanne, Secretary of the Northern States Co-operative League, have also arranged to be present. In addition, there will be in attendance some of the most successful managers of consumers' co-operative societies in Canada, as well as directors of considerable practical experience.

The farmers of Western Canada are showing a renewal of interest in Consumers' Co-operation. Many groups have the organization of societies in contemplation. This Congress provides them with a splendid opportunity not only of gaining considerable knowledge on the subject from outstanding authorities, but in conversation individually with them, in getting advice of value on the problems likely to confront such groups in the organizational period, and in the establishment of societies on a sound basis.

I shall be glad, therefore, if you will give me an opportunity through your columns to extend a cordial invitation to any group contemplating or desiring information as to the organization and operation of consumers' societies to accredit fraternal delegates to the Congress. I shall be glad to furnish credential forms upon request.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE KEEN,
General Secretary.
The Co-operative Union of Canada,
Brantford, Ont.

"FREEDOM OF THE AIR"

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

I have read with interest your editorial in April the 2nd issue of *The U.F.A.*, in which you comment upon the Dominion

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New Policy for Alberta Pool Elevators

Excess Earnings of Elevators for 1927-28 Crop Year Will Be Returned to Patrons—Elevators Will Hereafter Be Operated on "Cost to Patrons" Basis

By Pool Publicity Department

Wheat Pool elevators in Alberta will be operated on a cost basis to patrons. This decision was reached by the seventy delegates assembled in convention in Calgary on May 29th and 30th. It was decided to make this policy retroactive. The excess earnings of the elevator system during the 1927-28 crop year will be disbursed to the Pool members who put their grain through these elevators.

The change in elevator policy was recommended to the delegates by the Directors and two proposals submitted. The first proposal was to eliminate handling and service charges upon delivery of the grain to the Pool elevator and deduct the actual operating cost on a per-bushel basis from the final Wheat Pool payment. This method was adopted by the delegates after a lengthy discussion.

The second proposal was to make the usual elevator charges to Pool members delivering their grain and to refund to patrons at the end of the fiscal year any excess charges over and above actual operating and overhead costs. The Saskatchewan Pool embodies this policy in the operation of its elevators.

Heretofore the Alberta Pool has operated its elevators on a non-patronage basis. The excess earnings were distributed over the entire membership. For instance; the net profits of the Alberta Pool elevators for the 1926-27 year were approximately $327,000. This was distributed to the membership and resulted in an increase in the final payment of three-quarters of a cent a bushel.

The new policy decided upon will mean handling grain at cost by Pool elevators on the following basis: (1) through Pool country houses; (2) platform shipments to Pool terminals; (3) through non-pool line elevators to Pool terminals.

Purpose of Change

The purpose of this new system is to increase the volume of grain passing through Pool elevators. C. M. Hall, General Manager of the elevator system, in addressing the delegates, strongly urged that members use their own facilities to the fullest extent. He pointed out that only by following this policy could the elevator system be able to function with the greatest economy, and the full objective for which the system was built be realized. This coming harvest the Alberta Pool will have close to 300 line elevators in operation and three terminals at the Pacific coast. *In order to bring the greatest possible return to Pool members with the maximum protection in weights and grades, Mr. Hall suggested that every effort be made to have Pool grain handled through Pool elevators.*

George McIvor, General Sales Manager addressed the delegates and pointed out the advantage to the Selling Agency of having Pool grain in Pool elevators readily available to complete sales at any time. He stated that by placing their grain in their own elevators, Pool members can assist Pool salesmen to get better prices for their grain.

The new policy laid down by the Pool delegates will mean something new in co-operative effort in Canada, if not in the world. It means that members will be charged only the bare cost of operating the elevator facilities. When they haul their grain into Pool houses no service or elevator charges will be made. At the end of the fiscal year the actual operating cost will be available and will be deducted from the final Wheat Pool payment.

The decision to change the elevator policy was arrived at only after prolonged consideration. Every angle of the question was full considered and debated.

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FARM STORAGE

The following recommendation of the Directors was adopted by the Delegates:

In order to meet the requirements of the grower members and in view of the importance from a sales standpoint of using Pool facilities to the utmost, the Board of Directors recommend that an indemnity by way of a payment for "farm storage" be given to members who are able to retain a portion of their wheat on the farm until such time as the local Pool elevator is able to handle the same and that they, the Board of Directors, be authorized to formulate regulations for the operation of the proposal.

As a basis for the system the Board suggest and recommend that an additional payment to Pool members delivering Pool wheat to Pool facilities or wheat loaded over the platform be made on and after December 15th and that the payments be as follows:

A maximum of one cent per bushel from December 15th to January 15th.

An additional maximum of one cent per bushel for wheat delivered after January 15th.

As a matter of equity among our members it is also proposed to grant this indemnity to farmers shipping through points where there are no Pool facilities so far available.

It is further suggested that before putting the proposal into effect it be discussed with the sister Pools with a view to, if possible, obtaining uniformity throughout the three Prairie Provinces.

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E. B. Ramsay, Manager of the Central Selling Agency, addressed the Wheat Pool delegates on the matter of grading. He is a member of the committee appointed to go into the question of grading with a view to suggesting improvements. He told the delegates of the plans under way and answered a number of questions.

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Among the visitors at the session of Wheat Pool delegates were: Premier Brownlee; A. J. McPhail, President of the Central Selling Agency and President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; E. B. Ramsay, Manager of the Central Selling Agency; George McIvor, General Sales Manager.

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Premier Brownlee in a 15 minute address, told of the large way in which the Canadian Wheat Pool loomed in the grain business in Great Britain. While the Pool was known and respected on every hand the names of some of the largest private grain and elevator firms in Western Canada were not even known by many British grain firms.

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A. J. McPhail, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, brought greetings from that Pool to the delegates of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

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Combine User Cites His Experience

"Why I Began to Use a Combine, and the Economic Results"

By P. J. ENGENAUER, M.L.A.

As a matter of public interest, may I be permitted through *The U.F.A.*, to reply to a number of enquiries re my experience as a Combine user; why I began using a Combine, and what were the economic results.

I might say that in 1921, when deflation threatened me—along with others engaged in agriculture—with bankruptcy, there appeared at that time three major or key defects that stood in the way of Western farm prosperity.

1. Marketing inefficiency, causing a disparity of values as between services rendered.

2. Credit control not impartial, causing excess fluctuation of values inconsistent with supply and demand.

3. Employment of transient labor instead of resident, to a much greater degree than was necessary in our farming, thus making labor too costly to meet world competition in wheat.

This last, while the least important from an economic point of view, stood out rather conspicuously because it lent itself to the approach of the individual, hence the experimental endeavor to eliminate all unnecessary threshing labor, stooking and twine in the harvesting operation. This has been done without suffering either deterioration of quality or waste of grain, as compared with stook threshing.

The Writer's Recommendations

Inasmuch as our Western climatic conditions require on account of frost, rust, hail, shelling and other causes, that grain be cut at the earliest possible moment (having due regard for excessive shrinkage that will result from too early cutting) in the light of past experience, the writer believes the following practice is the best suited for our conditions: Three 8 foot binders with binder heads

detached, and equipped with baffles so that all three machines deliver into one windrow representing 24 feet of grain delivered in such a way that straw in the windrow will be lying crosswise to machine travel spread out fan like and partly lapping, covering sufficient area so that the stubble has ample carrying strength to hold grain off the ground. This makes a very flexible cutting unit for an uneven topography. (This should not be confused with a windrow 20 or 24 feet shot over the end of a continuous table hitting the ground with a thud). The above cutting unit, drawn by a 15-30 tractor makes a proper load, and a uniform stand of grain requires one man to operate with a capacity of 8 to 10 acres per hour.

Ready for Threshing Season

Grain cut in this way will be suitable for threshing in about 20 per cent less time than similar grain stooked. The threshing operation consists of using a 15 foot Combination Harvester, but using only sufficient of the cutter bar or platform to accommodate an 8 foot Rotary action Pickup, running at a speed synchronized with the traction speed, which should not exceed 14 miles per hour, to avoid shelling. A 15 foot combine handling a 24 foot windrow harmonizes well, making a proper load for 15-30 tractor.

The platform and pickup should be sensitively counterbalanced, preferably with long lever and proper weight, to overcome any jumpy or springy motion, and left to float so that a proper ground contact can be made to assure a thorough pickup. The fore carriage on combine should be eliminated and tractor equipped with semi-trailer three action coupler. This will give steadier combine performance, and increased tractor efficiency, by virtue of part of the load being carried on the tractor, as well as making it possible to extend tractor steering column 4 feet back to combine platform, eliminating one man, plus having both pickup and tractor under direct observation of tractor driver, making it much easier than having to look back. This makes a one man outfit. The advantage of starting threshing in centre of field (which is possible by virtue of cutting machines being left-handed, and combine right-handed) saves one man in handling threshed grain, as well as doing this work on threshed ground, again eliminating waste by keeping away from unthreshed windrows.

The capacity is about four acres per hour.

Capital Investment

The capital investment is about 15 per cent higher than a stook threshing outfit of similar size. If straw is required for feed it can be bucked to end of field. If spread out on field and burned every alternate year, it makes the best weed exterminator possible. All the straw plowed under when land is summer fallowed, gives ample fibre in the land, making a convenient two crop in three year rotation.

Moreover, it certainly is a boon to the transient harvester who comes West to help take care of our crop, and often loses his time and after paying his expenses for trip is out of pocket some money, arrives back East more or less disappointed, and champions higher tariffs as a revenge, making it bad for all parties concerned.

These are my conclusions, as the result of past experience.

EDITORIAL.

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sional character is unquestioned, the bill would have gone through. An Edmonton Liberal saw fit, however, in a letter to the press, to declare: "Mr. Kennedy takes full responsibility" for the oversight. It is merely necessary to refer to Hansard April 17th, page 2215, to see that the letter writer's statement is quite untrue, for on this page the chairman's acceptance of responsibility is quoted: "If the figures are not right, there must have been an error on my part in putting them down."

It is true that the writer of the letter in which the record is falsified is not a Liberal of whom his party is proud. But apparently there are Liberal papers in this Province which, with the record of Hansard before them, are willing to allow a false impression to be given through their columns to the public. In doing so they are rendering a disservice to the people whose interests they profess to serve.

It was at a later sitting, occasioned by this delay, that the blockading tactics were resorted to.

As the *Edmonton Journal* observed:

"It would be little short of a national crime if it (the E.D. and B.C. bill) should fail to pass before prorogation. Those responsible for its blocking have shown themselves very poor Canadians and their small-minded tactics must not be allowed to succeed."

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THE OCCASION OF THE "REPRISAL"

It happens that Mr. Kennedy, the member for Peace River, against whose bill the blockade was directed as an alleged "reprisal" for action taken on certain bridge bills, had not participated in the bridge bill debate, his only contribution to the so-called blocking of the bills being three lines of questions out of about thirty pages of Hansard. The matter is set forth very clearly by William Irvine in an article which appeared in the last issue of *The Alberta Labor News*, which read in part as follows:

"The bill granting a franchise to the Alberta Government Railway for extension, and which stands in the name of Mr. Kennedy, of Peace River, was talked out deliberately by Mr. Hepburn, a member on the Government side. He announced his intention and gave his reason. The reason, he said, was in the nature of a reprisal because United Farmer members had moved amendments to certain bills in which he was interested.

"To make clear the childishness of Mr. Hepburn's position, I will indicate exactly what he did. I had moved an amendment to clause 12 of bill No. 23. The effect of this amendment was to prevent the watering of stock which said clause 12 provided for. Bill No. 23, it must be remembered, is a bill for the organization of a private company. Now Mr. Hepburn, out of childish spite, moves the same amendment word for word to the Alberta Railway Bill. Now, the Alberta Railway Bill is not a private company concern. The Alberta Government owns and controls the railway in question. The Government does not issue stock at all; therefore, no watering could take place. And if the stock were issued and watering did take place, such watering would be to the profit of the people and not to a private company, as in the case of the Sarnia Bridge Bill. Furthermore, there is no clause in the Alberta Railway Bill providing for stock watering as there was in the Sarnia Bridge Bill to which my amendment was moved and to which Mr. Hepburn took offence.

"It will be seen therefore that Mr. Hepburn moved an amendment to a public ownership bill, and *the amendment prohibited the watering of stock in a bill where no stock issue is provided for and in connection with which no watering of stock is possible. The real point of Mr. Hepburn's action was that unless we all exist on a matter of principle while he passes privileges to private companies, he will prevent the passing of a franchise for the extension of a publicly owned utility in the Province of Alberta.*

"It must be said that the Government through Honorable Charles Dunning expressed strong disapproval of his action. Nevertheless Mr. Kennedy's bill, which had been voted precedence by the House, went to the bottom of the list. Meanwhile, the Alberta Government is prevented from proceeding with this public service as they were in readiness to do, and the line may not now be completed in time to serve the community in the moving of the next crop."

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The committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting of the Alberta Institute of Agriculture report that there is every prospect of a very large attendance. We understand that there is still some accommodation available, and would suggest that any of our readers who desire to attend, but whose applications have not been sent in by the cut-off date (June 1st), should do so, as the committee may be able to accept a limited number of late applications.

BRITONS IN BONDAGE

(Montreal Witness)

Somebody said: "Britons never, never, never will be slaves." Somebody else said: "You may chain the eagle's wing . . . but you cannot chain the mind." Yet Lord Rothermere seems to be trying to be the Mussolini of the British people and tell them what, and what not, to think. He is buying up the people's papers everywhere. It is a kind of bondage that men do not much feel, seeing that it is their minds that are led captive. Still the Britons will presently find that they are not their own masters "if they don't watch out." But what are they to do about it? The only thing to do is to combine in groups and support—that is, be willing to pay the cost of producing—their own newspapers, and cease to depend on the brewers and all sorts of advertisers to give them, in the way of opinions, what they, the advertisers, prefer.

The House of Commons and Financial Reform

Independent Groups Secure Investigation — Finance Minister Sabotages Inquiry but Real Progress Made—The Need for Organized Action—And the Vital Question of "Social Credit."

By WILLIAM IRVINE,
U.F.A. Member for Weaskiwin

OTTAWA, May 26.—The Parliament of any country elected by a majority vote of its citizens is and in fact must be as a general rule the last place from which a real reform could be expected. Parliament is a register of public opinion. That fact must be faced even though at times we may not think much of the opinion which it registers, nor agree with the methods used in developing the opinion. Governments, therefore, seldom initiate anything of a fundamental character, and any proposal which has not the sanction of the past or which has not been urged by the people in some manner receives scant consideration.

And yet it is not impossible to initiate a real reform in Parliament nor would such a possibility be contrary to the democratic theory upon which our Parliamentary system is based. For one member elected perhaps on an issue which as yet may be scarcely heard of in the country as a whole, not only has the authority of his people for introducing it, but may, through bringing it to the attention of the House, gain for it acceptance among the general public. The finance question in our own Parliament is a case in point.

AN ARRESTING CHALLENGE IN 1923

During the enquiry into the basis, function and control of financial credit which ensued as a result of my resolution in 1923-1924, the left wing of Parliament fought a lone and discouraging battle. True we were able to explode some of the theories which underlie orthodox finance, but the great majority of parliamentarians were indignant at our presumptuousness, and wrapped up their minds, so to speak, in a doubtful blanket of security, which was that the financial system could not be improved and that we in particular had the best system in the world. Nevertheless our challenge of the system was a fact which arrested attention outside of Parliament. People began to question, to seek information, to reflect, so that today few even in Parliament will question the propriety of further study of banking and credit, and perhaps few would go so far as to say that the system now in practice could not be improved upon.

Of course conditions in other countries, especially in Britain and the United States, have assisted greatly in the change of attitude above noted. In 1923 the Labor Party of Britain rejected the analysis of Major Douglas and practically endorsed the financial theories of orthodox economists. But on the 17th of April, 1928, we find a very decided change of opinion. The Conference between Labor and Capital submitted on that date a memorandum to the British Government signed by Sir Alfred Mond representing the Capitalists and Ben Turner for Labor.

CHIEF EMPHASIS ON CREDIT POLICY

In this memorandum the chief emphasis is placed upon the problem of financial credit. It advocates a greater elasticity of credit and requests the Government to institute a full enquiry with a view to devising the best sort of credit policy for Britain and that this shall be done at once before any other step is taken. Mention should also be made here of the work of Right Honorable Reginald McKenna in his influential capacity as Chairman of the Midland Bank. He is one of the few bankers of the world who knows what the proper function of a bank should be and who understands the economic significance of improper credit control. He uses his opportunity in making his annual address to the shareholders, to analyze the credit problem and to urge a better system. He wants a system in which trade shall determine credit issue rather than a stupid gold basis which has no intelligent relation to or connection with any thing of importance.

We print below a very clear survey of the work done in Parliament in behalf of Credit Reform by members of the U.F.A. and other independent groups.

Mr. Irvine was the mover of a resolution which led in 1923 to the first inquiry into Social Credit ever held in any Parliament in the British Empire. Certain reforms in the Bank Act were obtained in that year through the pressure of the independent groups, and the whole basis of credit was subjected to a close examination.

Further progress has been made at the 1928 session, in spite of obstacles thrown in the way of obtaining evidence from experts who challenge the prevailing system. "Investigation," Mr. Irvine points out, "means ultimate victory for credit reformers."

The next article in the U.F.A. members' series will be contributed by Robert Gardiner, M.P., chairman of the U.F.A. group. It will be published in our issue of June 15th.



WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

GOLD BASIS DISREGARDED IN U.S.A.

Meanwhile, things are moving in the United States. The Central Reserve Bank in its efforts to prevent inflation and deflation has been forced to disregard the gold basis and, as McKenna says in respect thereto, "the effect of inflowing gold has been nullified in accordance with the dictates of policy"—"and credit was actually increased in response to the needs of business" and not as heretofore in response to the presence of gold. And further, McKenna says in respect to what has been going on in America since the war:

"The American price level is not affected by gold movements, but is controlled by the policy of the reserve banks in expanding or contracting credit. It follows, therefore, that it is not the value of gold in America which determines the value of the dollar, but the value of the dollar which determines the value of gold."

CONGRESS TO INQUIRE INTO REFORMERS' PROPOSALS

And while this "heresy" is being practised by the Reserve Bank, another interesting investigation is going on in America. I understand that Congress is going to investigate the suggestions of Foster and Catching in connection with finance. These writers on the subject claim that alternating periods of prosperity and depression are inevitable while there is no means of putting into the pockets of consumers sufficient purchasing power to buy out production at any given moment. They hold that since a manufacturer must ask, in order to make a profit, more for his output than he paid out in production, and since the only means consumers have of obtaining purchasing power is through the money paid by the manufacturer in the process of production, there must remain of any given output a surplus which consumers have no money to buy. This surplus of goods over purchasing power grows gradually until the factory has to close down and depression becomes acute. That Congress has decided to enquire into the problem is in itself of great significance.

Financial Reform and the Session of 1928

The above reference to the growth and spreading of an idea brings me to our own efforts in the present session of Parliament. Mr. Woodsworth's resolution asking for the nationalization of the banks, which was moved early in the session, was in danger of being defeated. At his request I moved the following amendment in order that we might be able to get the matter before the Committee on Banking and Commerce:

"That in the opinion of this House the time has come for the consideration of the improvement of our banking system and that the Banking and Com-

moose Committee be instructed to study possible improvements and report thereon."

My amendment carried, the committee investigated and has just made its report which Parliament has endorsed.

The whole proceedings of this enquiry have been published and should be interesting in many respects. If a perusal of the proceedings of the committee in connection with the credit issue does not enlighten, it should at least reveal the psychological attitude of bankers and parliamentarians to the suggestion of Social Credit.

E. E. SPENCER'S WORK IN PARLIAMENT

Mr. Spencer, M.P., of Battle River, deserves great credit for his diligent, able and effective work as an advocate of Social Credit, and in particular for his work in Parliament in respect to the investigation just concluded. After much questioning and argument, I think Mr. Spencer has at last convinced the bankers that when John Jones borrows a hundred dollars from a bank that he does not borrow the one hundred dollars which John Smith has deposited on savings account. Rather that John Jones borrowed one hundred dollars of his own credit and made a corresponding deposit in the form of security. Hence, every loan becomes a deposit and the theory of the bankers which might have been true in the infancy of banking is no longer true.

Those of us who are pioneers in the advocacy of credit reform have no expectation that we will waken up some fine morning to find the whole system of national finance organized on a Social Credit Basis. We know, on the contrary, how far we are from such a happy consummation, no matter how devoutly we may wish its immediate establishment. With every point, therefore, which we can force the bankers to yield to, reason robs them of an excuse for continuing their outworn system with its superstition for a gold basis, and with their private profit as an end rather than economic function. Men like Mr. Spencer are the heroes in a fight like this.

RECOMMENDATION OF BANKING COMMITTEE

Let me quote the important part of the committee's recommendation which Parliament concurred in a few days ago:

"The preponderance of evidence indicated that the operation of a Central Bank of Issue, or Federal Reserve Bank, as in the United States, exercised only an indirect or limited influence over price levels and that many of the functions attributed to such Central Bank of Issue and Re-discount were already being performed through the Finance Act. The Committee, however, is of opinion that owing to the rapid expansion of Canadian commercial and industrial operations and the possibility in the near future for the need of a much larger measure of credit that at any in the past. It is desirable that a careful study be made by competent experts of the facilities available under the Finance Act, and to determine if such are capable of ready expansion to meet possible requirements of credit; and further to determine if, under the present scope of the Finance Act, it is possible for the Treasury Board to deal effectively with unusual variations in the rates of interest, and, lastly to consider (in case it should be decided that present legislation is too restricted) what measures should be taken to adapt our present system to the growing needs of the country.

"Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Government, through the Minister of Finance and the Treasury Board, invite into conference the bankers of Canada, together with other competent persons with experience in such matter, to give further study to the subject matter of this report, with instructions to take such steps as in their opinion in the premises are warranted. Your Committee feel that, while it has accomplished much useful preliminary work, this would be conducive to a more intensive study of the question than to have the Committee itself conduct further investigations, and this recommendation would, of course, in no way affect the usual procedure of having all important changes in banking legislation ordinarily made at the regular decennial revisions of the Bank Act submitted for the careful consideration of the Committee."

MARKS GREAT STEP FORWARD

The encouraging feature of the report is that it not only holds the door open to further investigation, but it recommends that the Government call a conference of experts to study the whole question of credit. This report marks a great step forward as compared with the investigation of 1923 alluded to above. At that time the present system was thought to be so perfect that any kind of a report to Parliament on the matter would be an insult to the God of Gold. This year, however, a problem is admitted, further investigation of it is suggested and the Government is recommended to undertake such an investigation.

FINANCE MINISTER SABOTAGES IN QUIET

It should be pointed out that although Parliament passed the resolution authorizing an investigation, there was no enthusiasm evinced by the Minister of Finance. He suffered the investigation, but would do nothing to help. **His refusal of funds to pay the expenses of witnesses greatly hampered the Committee and circumscribed our efforts. There are men of great knowledge on the subject of Credit scattered throughout the Dominion, but we could not call any one of them without funds for expenses. There are men in Great Britain and the United States of America who should have been there, but we could not hear them for the same reason.**

Business men and manufacturers in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal who were within reach of our limited expense account refused to come and give evidence. They expressed fear. They indicated how they were at the mercy of the banks and if their evidence were regarded as hostile to banks, their credit might be shut off. Such was the nature of replies from business men received by Mr. Woodsworth. Under these disadvantages we were confined (with the exception of Mr. Darby from the Canadian Council of Agriculture) to bankers and officials of the the Financial Department for our information. Imagine trying to obtain evidence in favor of Social Credit from such sources.

While we may have hoped for more than the report gives, still we are not discouraged. Investigation means ultimate victory for credit reformers, for the present system cannot stand investigation indefinitely and our proposals cannot be successful without investigation. So in the light of all the circumstances we desire to report progress to all who have helped in the propaganda for the proper adjustment of our financial institution to the requirements of modern industrial conditions and on the principle of Social Credit.

ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL CREDIT GROUPS

In conclusion I would suggest that the organization of Social Credit Groups in every community where there are interested students would be advisable. This idea has been suggested to me by Mr. A. G. Crafter, of Victoria, and I believe that it could and should be done. Not only would these groups prepare the public mind for the fundamental change which is necessary, but would be an influential factor in seeing to it that whatever change is made shall be fundamental. I have no desire now to criticise any particular individual or school of thought. It has been my policy so far to find and emphasize that which all advocates of financial reform have held in common. This I conceived to be advisable while we were engaged in the initial stages of the movement and since in an analysis there was very general agreement. But as we advance toward the necessity of practical policy it will become clear that some who are active advocates of Credit Reform have overlooked the *Social Credit* principle and would merely tinker with the present system. To safeguard against this there should be a means of systematic education and the organization of Social Credit Groups would provide an effective agency in this regard.

LAST WORD IN CANADA TOO (?)

"The idea of exercising political control by financial means may be regarded as America's distinctive contribution to the theory of government. It is the secret of American 'democracy' which is in fact the greatest plutocracy the world has ever seen, most skilfully disguised behind democratic forms, which give votes to every one but allows him (or her) a choice only between Tweedledum, the nominee of one great party, and Tweedledee, the nominee of the other, while in the nominations of Tweedledum and Tweedledee financial power has the last word."—*F. C. S. Schiller, M.A., D.Sc.*, of Oxford University, on the political party system.

"SAFETY FIRST."

The following "Safety First" slogans are taken from the "57 News", the house organ of a commercial enterprise:

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The motor stopped, but Ed kept on.

Lies slumbering here one William Lobe;
He heard the bell, but had no brake.

Speed records Johnny tried to bust;
Ashes to ashes—dust to dust.

This stone's over the body of Tommy Mutch.
At breakneck speed he broke his clutch.

At whirlwind speed drove Billy Grundy;
Ridiculous note—his funeral's Monday.

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Field Service Branch Formed by Alberta Wheat Pool

Seven Men Appointed to Cover Province—Duties of Field Staff

The Alberta Wheat Pool Directors have established a Field Service Branch. Seven men have been appointed for the work, and they will cover the entire Province. The Manitoba and Saskatchewan Pools have had field service departments for a number of years and their operations have had satisfactory results. Hitherto in Alberta the directors themselves have done considerable field service work, but the extension of Pool operations makes a change necessary. Besides, the Directors have their own farming operations to attend to and they simply have not the time for the intensive work that is really required.

Duties of Field Men

The duties of the field service men will be many and varied. They will spend their time in the country maintaining close contact between the Pool Head Office and the membership. Their work will be educational to a very considerable extent.

There are scores of localities in the Province which have never had a Pool meeting. There are hundreds of members who have never seen a Pool representative. Year after year these people have conscientiously delivered their grain to the Pool with the utmost faith and confidence. Little troubles and difficulties may have arisen, but in most cases all were taken in good part. At the same time this condition of affairs has not been satisfactory or fair to these members.

By means of *The U.F.A.* newspaper, the press of the Province and the radio, the Pool has sought to keep in contact with the membership. Questions on all phases of the work have been invited and we have striven to give out all the information possible. We realize that these methods, while helpful, do not compare with personal contact. The field service will supply this contact.

Staff of Field Service

Following is the personnel of the new Field Service Branch:

R. O. Cerman, Secretary, Alberta Wheat Pool, in charge of Field Service Branch.

A. D. Babiuk of Vegreville, in employ of the Pool as field service man among Ukrainian, Russian and German members since 1926.

L. Normandeau, of Westlock, field service man among French speaking Pool members.

N. F. Davidson of Calgary, employee of Alberta Wheat Pool since 1923.

George Chard of Cluny, in grain business for many years.

E. E. Eisenhauer, on teaching staff of Olds School of Agriculture as instructor in co-operative marketing.

Wm. Pettinger of Calgary, adjuster on staff of Hail Board for a number of years. Well acquainted with agricultural conditions in Alberta.

Norman Nelson, agent for Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, at Coaldale, in which post he has been a decided success.

These men have been selected for their experience of agricultural conditions in Alberta; for their experience in dealing with the farm population; for their knowledge of the objectives of co-operation; and for their general ability and aggressiveness.

They will keep in close touch with the Wheat Pool Locals, the Delegates, the Pool elevators, the Directors and the Head Office staff. It will be their duty to see that the Pool machine runs smoothly. The Head Office will be kept in constant touch with what is going on all over Alberta.

Will Aid Sign-Up

Undoubtedly the Pool sign-up will be greatly assisted by the efforts of the field service men. While they cannot possibly be depended on to do all the canvassing, they can assist materially and direct the efforts of others. It has been noticeable that where districts have been well and carefully covered by good canvassers the sign-up of the Second Series Contract is splendid. Where districts have been canvassed haphazardly the results have not been as good.

Burnell's Opinion

In connection with the establishing of a field service the opinion of Colin H. Burnell, President of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, and A. J. McPhail, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, regarding the operations of their respective field service departments was obtained.

Here is what Mr. Burnell said:

"We have seven permanent field men, six who have their regular districts and one field man who works among the Ruthenians in the various settlements in the Province. I cannot see how we could possibly hold our Manitoba organization together in any considerable strength without having our own men at all times actively in touch with the farmers, because we have at almost every shipping point from one to six employees of the grain trade, that is, their elevator operators, who are usually paid propagandists working overtime in an effort to fill the farmers' mind with doubt regarding the Pool.

"If we did not have our own men actively in the field at all times, we would gradually come to be regarded as a foreign organization and simply another grain handling firm. Our field men are gradually becoming real agricultural agents, actively interested in everything that makes for the welfare of our farmer members.

"All problems regarding better seed and better methods we find the farmer discussing with our Pool men. In fact, I think one of the biggest benefits that our organization is going to be able to render members is the bringing about of the application of the agricultural science which we already have to our farms. I find that our agricultural colleges and experimental farms have been unable to get the proper contact with the average farmer, but it appears now that we will be able to bring much of this science to the land through our Pool organization.

Get Quicker Action

"Of course, having our own men moving among our members throughout the entire year makes this more readily possible. These men gradually become acquainted with all the active co-operators in their district, and we find that we can get very much quicker action on anything pertaining to our organization work than we could before we had our present field service force. We have been very careful to instruct our field men that they must have absolutely nothing to do with the election machinery of the Pool, or voice any opinions regarding the merits of Directors, or possible Directors, in the various districts. In order to bring about the proper attitude in this respect we have laid out our field men's boundaries so that they do not correspond at all with boundaries of the Director's districts.

"We have been very careful in picking out the men for our field service, and so far we have found the younger type of farmer who has had some agricultural college training to be the most satisfactory. We have had these men now for three seasons, and already have taken three men from our field force into our office staff, where they are very valuable on account of the intimate knowledge they have with the condition and situations in the country.

"Our field men have been engaged in the work of finishing the canvass in the various townships after the voluntary canvassers have done their utmost. We find that the field men going in can often sign up another 25 to 50 per cent of the farmers who would not sign up with their neighbors.

Check Non-deliveries

"Then we have kept a close check on our non-deliveries and each year have provided our field men with a complete list of the farmers in their districts of whom we had no record as having delivered grain to the Pool. These men are visited, and of course, in most cases there was some good reason why no grain was delivered. Probably they had a loss of their crop through hail or drought, flood, or probably had sold their crop for seed and neglected getting a permit. We found that this watchfulness on the part of our organization has had a very good effect on the morale of our membership. The loyal member likes to see his organization handling its affairs in a business-like way and keeping a close check regarding non-deliveries. In cases of actual contract breaking the field men have been the ones who went out and obtained the evidence regarding the case which was then turned over to our solicitor for action.

"They have helped in the calling and arranging for the series of Pool meetings which we have held every winter since we organized. They have also been the ones who have completed the organization of our Pool local elevator associations. As you know, the Manitoba requirement is a seven thousand acre sign-up before we

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Red Deer Comment on Pool Contract

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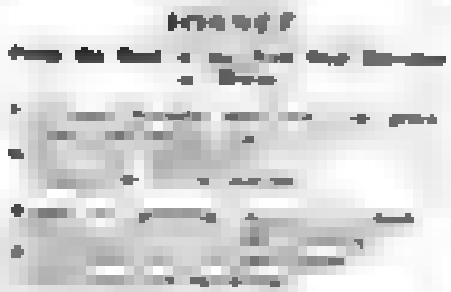


















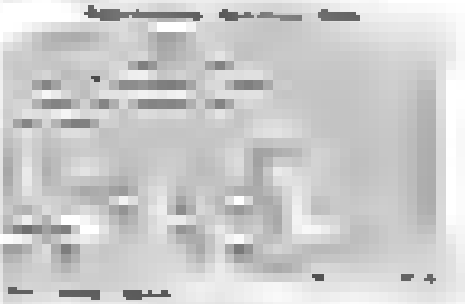


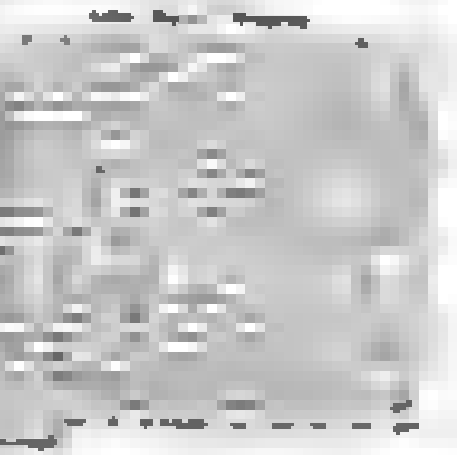












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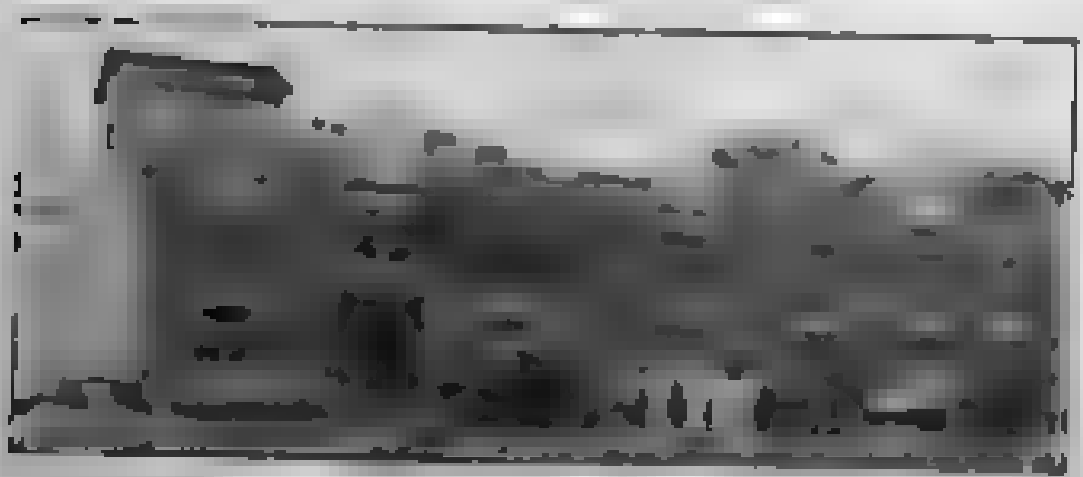
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Morning Session

9:00 Registration of Delegates.
1:00 Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Opening Address.
11:30 Hon. G. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture.
12:00 A. U. C. Bury Mayor of Edmonton.
12:15 President, University of Alberta.

Afternoon Session

2:00 H. W. Wood, President U.F.A. and Chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool.
2:45 C. R. Fay, Prof. of Economics, University of Toronto, "Co-operation in the Educational Programme."
3:45 Levi Hutchinson, Director, Alberta Wheat Pool, "Accomplishments of the Alberta Wheat Pool." Discussion.

Evening Session

Speaker and Entertainment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28th

Morning Session

10:00 C. C. Randall, Division of Co-operative Marketing, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, "Bigger and Better Livestock Marketing and Co-operation."
11:15 A. D. Claypool, Chairman, Alberta Livestock Pool, "Co-operative Livestock Marketing in Alberta." Discussion.

Afternoon Session

2:00 Hon. R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, "Finance and Co-operation."
2:30 John Brandt, President Land o' Lakes Creameries, "Co-operative Marketing, as It Applies to Dairying." Discussion.
4:00 J. R. Love, Sec.-Treas., Alberta Dairy Pool, "Types of Co-operative Creameries." Discussion.

Evening Session

Address by Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29th

Morning Session

10:00 H. S. Erdman, Prof. of Rural Economics, University of California, "Membership, Organization and Field Service." Discussion.
1:15 Robin Hood, "Responsibilities of Members, Directors and Management." Discussion.

Afternoon Session

2:00 E. B. Ramsay, Mgr. Canadian Wheat Pool, followed by John Brandt and C. C. Randall, "Problems of Management."
4:00 A. Scott, Chairman, Maple Leaf Milling Company, Vancouver, "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Dairy Products."
4:45 G. McIvor, Gen. Sales Mgr., Canadian Wheat Pool, "The Function of a Central Selling Agency for Cereals."

Evening Session

Address by H. W. Wood, President, U.F.A. and Chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30th

Morning Session

10:00 Prof. Erdman, "Possibilities and Limitations of Co-operative Marketing as an Observer Sees Them."
11:30 D. M. Malin, Manager Alberta Poultry Pool, "Marketing Poultry Products in Alberta." Discussion.
11:45 N. Clarke, Chairman Alberta Dairy Pool, "Fluid Milk Organization in Alberta."

Afternoon Session

2:00 Cedric Long, Gen. Secretary, U.S. Co-operatives League, "The Development of Consumers' Co-operation."
3:00 W. M. Hallsall, Mgr. Killam Co-op. Association, "Consumers' Co-ops. in Alberta." Discussion.
4:30 "Co-operative Accounting."

Evening Session

Robin Hood Editor, Co-operative Marketing Journal, Memphis, Tennessee, "The Promise of Co-operation."

FRIDAY, JUNE 30th

Morning Session

10:00 D. A. MacGibbon, Prof. of Political Economy, University of Alberta, "The Future of the Alberta Farmer."
10:30 Wm. McKenzie, Mgr. Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, "Co-operative Marketing of Hay and Potatoes."
11:00 W. J. Tisdale, Asst. Man., Canadian Co-op. Wool Growers' Association, "Co-operative Marketing of Wool."
11:30 Prof. Erdman, "Some Recent Developments in Co-operative Marketing."

Afternoon Session

1:00 Prof. Fay, "General Summary of Lessons of the Conference."
2:00 H. E. Spencer, M.P., "Finance and the Farmer."
4:00 J. J. Frawley, Assistant General's Dept., "Legal Aspects of Co-operation."
4:30 Robin Hood, "Plans for a Programme of Co-operative Education."

Evening Session

Open.

SPECIAL COURSES and MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 25th, TO FRIDAY, JUNE 29th, INCLUSIVE

Morning Session

8:00 Junior Courses under R. W. Murchie, Prof. of Economics and Sociology, Manitoba Agricultural College, and
9:00 W. M. Drummond, Graduate of Queens and Iowa of Alberta University.

Subjects: "Fundamentals of Co-operation." "The Scope of Agricultural Co-operation." "Types of Co-operative Organization and Essentials of Success." "The Social Significance of the Western Co-operatives."

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29th

Morning Session

8:30 Livestock Members meet at Co-operation to Speak Yards.

MONDAY JUNE 25th

Afternoon Session

1:45 Discussion Visit to Plants

THURSDAY, JUNE 30th

Afternoon Session

4:30 Meeting of Secretaries, Co-operative Marketing Associations.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30th

Afternoon Session

4:30 Managers Meeting of Consumers' Co-operatives.

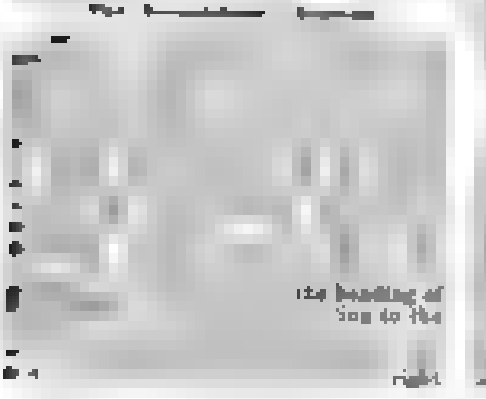
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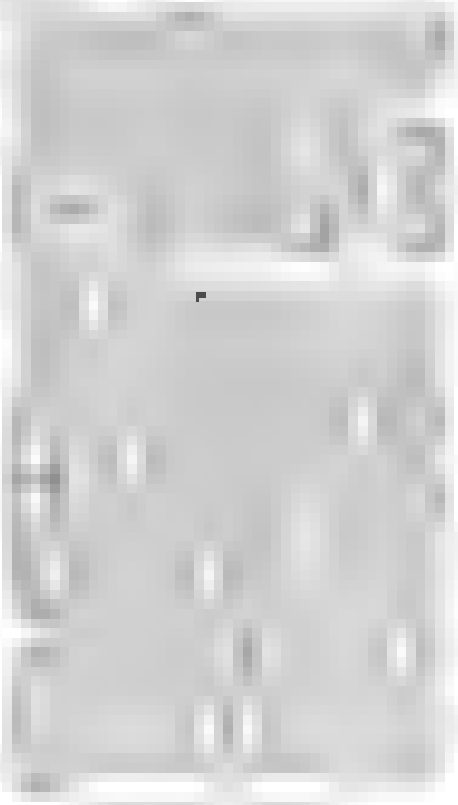
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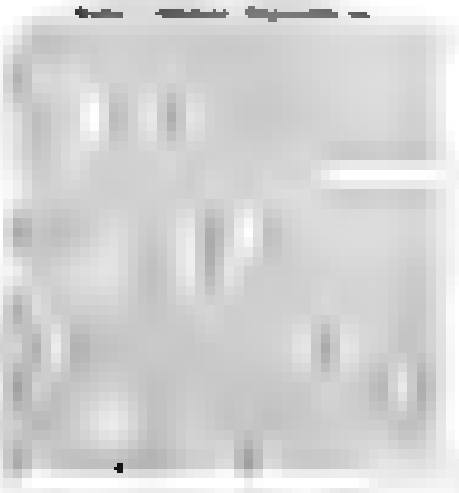
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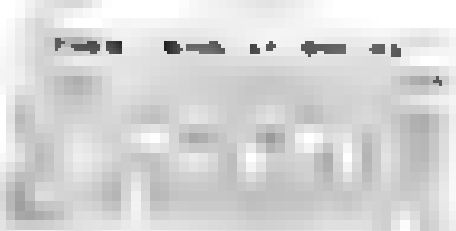


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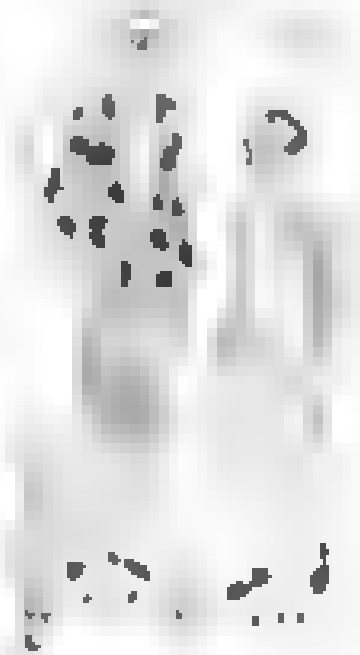
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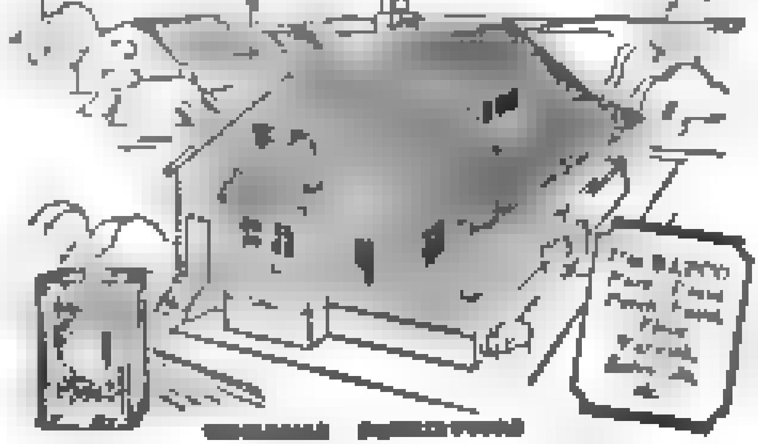
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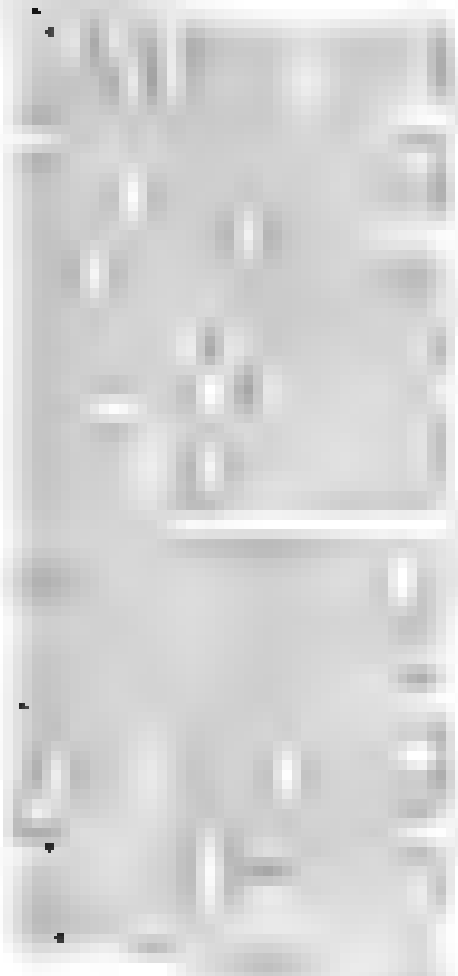
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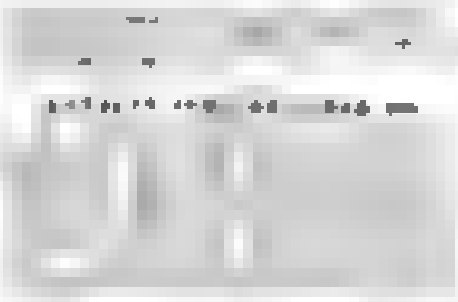


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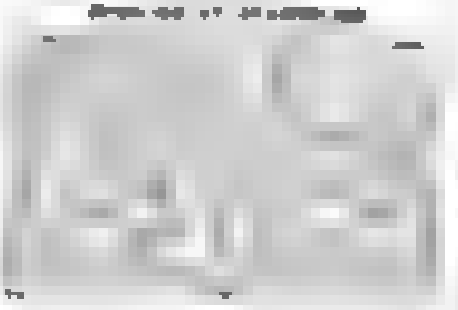


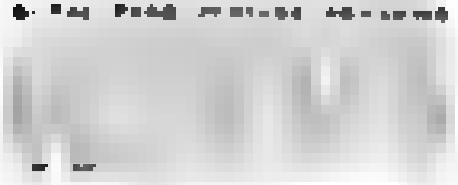






















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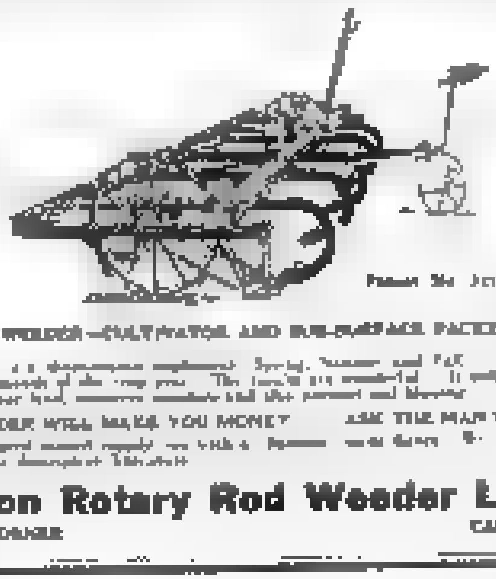
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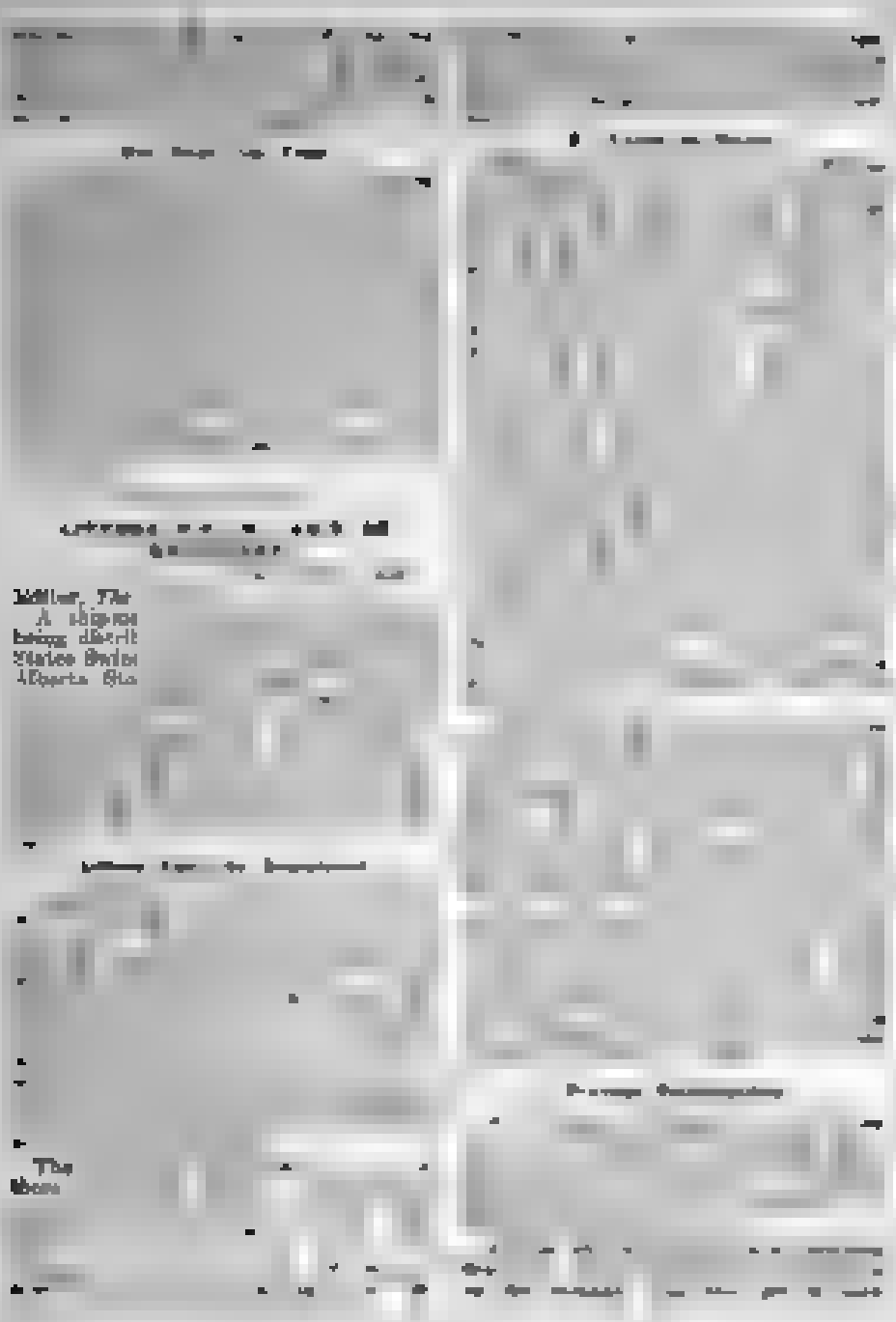
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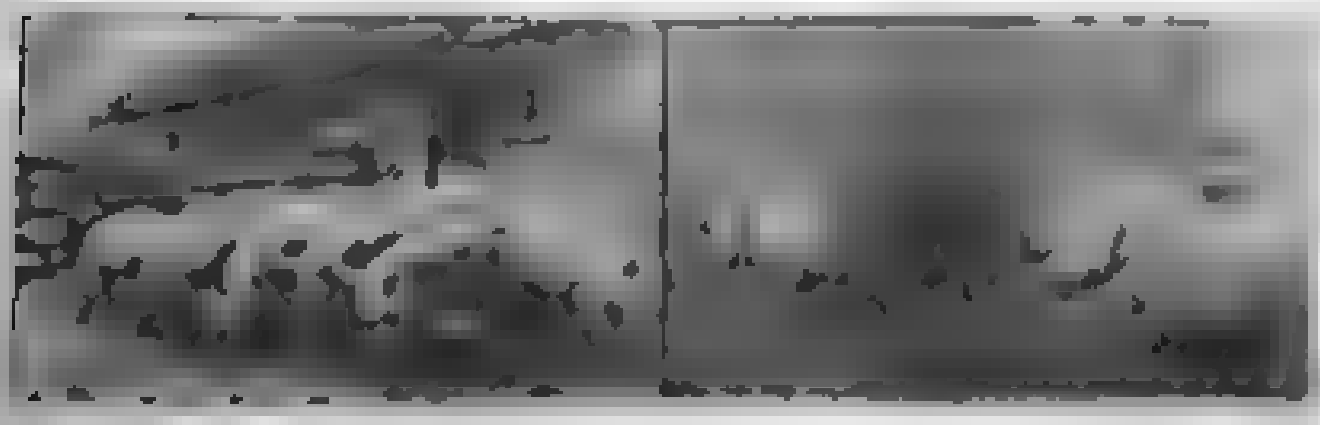
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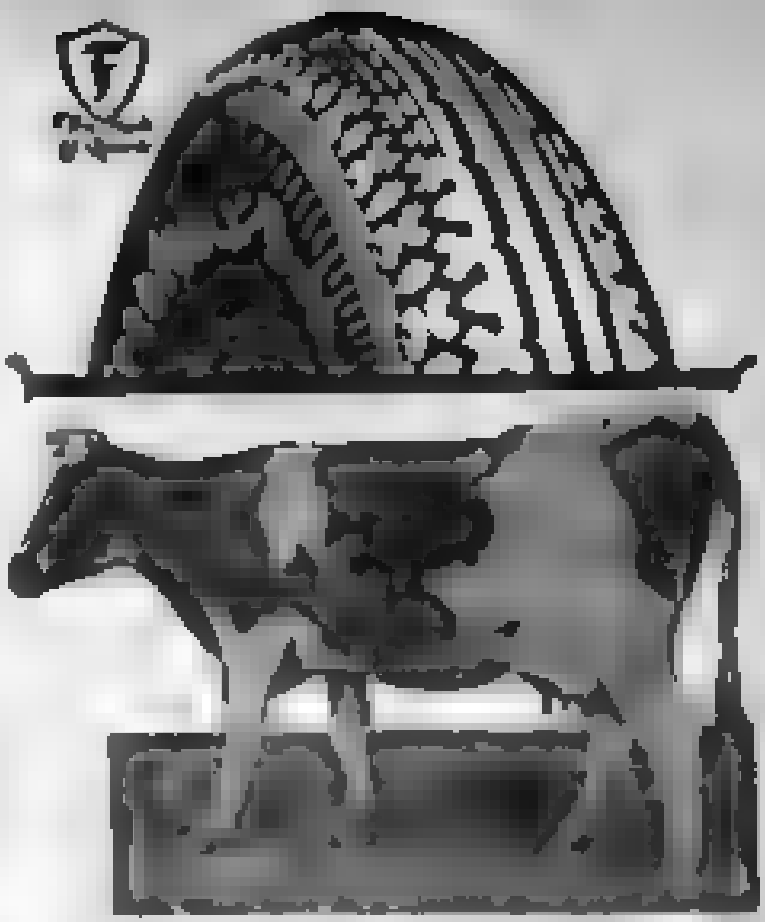
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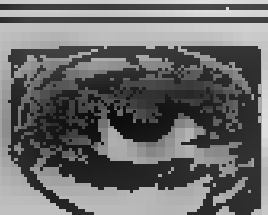
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Yours very truly,
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JUDGES' SALARIES

Editor The U.F.A.

As I happened to be the only member from Alberta on the Special ... committee appointed to consider the question of the salaries paid to judges I thought you might be interested in a short letter on the problem.

Before the judges and other representatives ... to be ... the matter ... The ... of annual ... with the number of judges in each province.

Supreme ... of Canada	
... of ... 9	$ 45,000
Puisne Judges 6	42,000
Provincial Appellate Courts	
... of ... 9	49,000
Puisne Judges 30 (about)	3,000
County and District Judges	
About 120 in all	6,000

In addition five of the Provinces pay each ... judge $1,000 or $1,500 ... additional salary for supervising ... etc., so that the total Provincial ... get little or nothing ... under $6,000 or $7,000.

... are allowed travelling expenses ... $10 per day in the city and a subsistence allowance of $15 per week after the age of 70 is reached of about two-thirds of his salary.

... were briefly these: Recently ... up to a new standard and ... present salaries would not be ... No increase was paid to ... widows, allowance had to be kept up.

They ought not also to ... their children and bring up ... with higher ... and ... to ... of investment. They ... of ... the ... of having ... that caused them ... worry.

... other countries received higher salaries ... than those in Canada.

Error Has Occurred

... after hearing all the evidence ... of us met in a ... of fifteen ... and ... agreed ... good reasons ... salary ... and ... and many ... ... and ... only on ... circumstances ...

... to ... committee dealing ... with ... and read ... problems ... and could not tell ... how much ... by ... and ... ... that ... an increase ... was ...

... salary ... in the ... of living ... 1926 ... from that in 1928 which ... substantially ... and ... was at ... and ... 1928 it is ... of ... the ...

such things as food, fuel, lighting, rent, clothing and sundries.

Two of us on the Committee were in favor of trying to even up the salaries of the county court judges so they would receive about the same amount in each Province, but as this did not meet with favor, we were forced to vote against all increases.

We do not wish to have a class of people in Canada who live extravagantly and whose standards will be copied by others.

The salaries now are higher than those of college professors, ministers of the gospel, high school, model and normal school teachers, and others of similar attainments.

The security of their positions must be considered in fixing salaries.

The report of the Committee was to give the county and superior judges of the Provinces an increase of $2,000 per annum and to give the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada $3,000 of an increase. This would cost about three-quarters of a million per year.

A judgeship is attractive because it affords great opportunities for service to the people of the country. Canadian judges have lived up to the great traditions of the bench and occupy a high place in the estimation of all. I cannot believe that they will be held in higher respect if their salaries are increased.

Having in mind the many real needs of Canada at the present time and in consequence of the necessity for economy and careful trusteeship, and knowing the living conditions of many deserving and worthy people, I believe that the increases should not be granted at the present time.

Sincerely,
F. W. GERSHAW, M.P.
House of Commons, Ottawa.

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:
Dear Sir:

After reading the article on high school education by Mr. Macklin, I would like to hear the opinion of some one in the Department of Education or a University professor on the question of teaching language in high school.

Mr. Macklin seems to have a grudge against Latin. Now to my mind Latin is the one language which should be taught in high school as it is the base of a good part of the English language and even a smattering of it is a great help in determining the significance of many of our uncommon words. I believe it is of more use and not nearly so complicated as the economic or political ideals of today.

I am not trying to start an argument, but Mr. Macklin's remarks are so adverse to what I think that I should like to have an expression from some other learned source.

Yours truly,
PROF. E. SMART,
Kitscoty, Alberta.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

Editor, *The U.F.A.*:

Without attempting or being in position to attempt one word of comment, may I just state a fact? It concerns the farmers generally.

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Faithfully yours,
J. W. D. TURNER.

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COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND PRICES OF ARGENTINE CHILLED BEEF

"The cost of production of a chilled beef steer (Argentine) delivered to the freezing plant in 1927 was estimated at $61.04. The average price per head of a chilled beef steer in November, 1927, was estimated at $64.21, while in November, 1926, it was $47.96. The average price for the year 1925 was $72.35, and for the months May to December, 1924, the price was $60.48. The average price per pound of special chilled beef steers at Buenos Aires in February, 1928, was 5.85 cents, compared with 5.52 for the year 1927, and 4.73 in February, 1926.—*Foreign Crops and Markets.*

WHEAT POOL RALLY

A Wheat Pool Rally will be held in the parish hall at Legal on Saturday, June 9th at 8 p.m. The speakers will be R. O. German, L. Jolys and L. Normandeau.

Mounted Police Report on Activities of Chester White Swine Company

What Investigation Into Operations in the United States Reveals—How a "Crimp" Was Put in Certain Activities by Exposure— The Lesson for Alberta Farmers

By S. G. Fairbairn

At the request of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have for some weeks past been engaged in investigating the operations in Western Canada of the Central United States Swine Company.

According to the police report, this company, whose headquarters are at Spokane, Wash., and who have another office at Salt Lake City, Utah, have been in operation since the latter part of 1923.

In July, 1927, articles of incorporation were filed under the Washington State laws. Authorized capital stock $80,000; shares $1; two officers of company in control of stock. At above mentioned date, assets showed $106,890, liabilities $100,300. Company's plan of operation at that time was to sell sows at $95.00 a head with a guarantee to buy back all sows in the first two litters at $35.00 a head, after same had reached the age of approximately six months and weighed around 150 pounds.

According to statement of Company on November 11th, 1927, assets $4,000; cash $25,000; notes $20,000; accounts receivable $20,000 in hogs, a total of $79,000. Indebtedness shown was $3,700, notes payable and $1,000 open accounts, an apparent net worth of $74,300.

This concern was registered at Edmonton, Alberta, under the Foreign Companies Act, Alberta, on March 27th, 1928, and have obtained a license pursuant to said registration to do business in the Province of Alberta, with Canadian Headquarters at Calgary, Alberta.

High Pressure Salesmanship

According to the report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police inquiries in the United States elicited the information that this Company, equipped with a crew of high-pressure salesmen, attempted to sell a breed of hogs known as Chester Whites in the Yakima Valley. Their proposition was to sell open gilts at $65.00 each eight weeks; half the money in advance and the rest C.O.D., the Company agreeing to buy back all the sow pigs from the first two litters at a stated price—$25.00 at that time, provided they weighed 125-135 lbs. at six months, and met the standard of the open gilt sold the farmer. No standards were given by the Company in writing. Gilts must be bred to the boars approved by the Company. This report goes on to say that their contract is perfectly legal. It binds the farmer to pay for hogs ordered when he signs contract, but *does not bind the company to accept a single pig.* Furthermore, the salesmen offered contract in Yakima County stating verbally that "The company offices were in Spokane, Washington." *This is true,* but the contracts had on them "headquarters Salt Lake City, Utah." In other words, if the farmer went to law to force the company to keep their contract, he would be compelled to go to the Utah Courts, which would entail considerable time and money, for transportation and other expenses.

A few hogs were sold in both Yakima and Kittitas Counties, but according to the information available, up to last autumn *not a single pig had been bought back in either Yakima or Kittitas County.* It is also stated that in Kittitas County, it is reported that money had been paid for delivery of hogs which were never delivered.

Depends on Suckers

The American report goes on to say that "the scheme as you probably have discovered is the old 'chain swindle'. It will work as long as 'suckers' can be found to give $100 for a $30 animal and pay the freight to get it."

This company or parts of it have played this game in North and South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Montana.

American reports state that co-operation with the editors of the local papers with a vigorous exposure of the one-sided contract, extreme prices for average stock and so forth, put a serious crimp in the operations of this company in the Yakima Valley and they advise the warning of neighboring districts and Provinces concerning the activities of this Company.

An Alberta farmer who has already signed a contract states that the company's representative represented these hogs as Chester White bacon type sows and stated before witnesses that the company would buy all offspring of said sows, whether male or female, which would weigh 160 lbs. at six months old. The contract does not mention these as bacon type swine and provides to purchase only gilts of specified standards as per Clause 6 of the contract.

It is interesting to note that Clause 2 of the contract further binds the purchaser. By this clause the gilts which the company agrees to buy back must be bred by a boar which will be supplied by the company, and on which a service charge of $2.50 will be made or said boar may be purchased by a farmer or group of farmers.

In April of this year, there were about 200 hogs in quarantine at Coutts awaiting distribution in Alberta. Officials who have inspected these consider them to be an inferior lot of hogs.

The scheme is economically unsound. It is a good one for the company, but not for the Alberta farmer and it will only work as long as farmers can be found to give $100 for a $30 animal and pay the freight to get it.

George Hutton States Chester Whites Plan Will Be Opposed

All Parties Interested in Bacon Types Against Plan, States C. P. R. Superintendent

"I understand that representation is being made to prospective purchasers of Chester White sows by the agents of the Central United States Swine Company, that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company supports the breed of hogs being offered for sale," stated George H. Hutton, Superintendent of Agriculture and Animal Industry of the C.P.R., in an interview with *The U.F.A.*

"In January of 1926 two gentlemen called upon me to inquire my opinion as to the proposed organization of such a Company as has now been organized, and stated their intention of introducing in a large way the Chester White hogs under this particular plan of organization.

"These men were advised by me that efforts were being made to develop bacon type hogs in Western Canada, in which effort all parties interested in agriculture joined, and for that reason if they undertook to introduce the Chester White hogs into Western Canada under this plan, they could expect opposition from Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and all parties interested in the development of bacon breeds in Canada."

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